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TREASURER STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

HIRAM R. WILLIAMSON, WORCESTER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT.

To His Excellency CURTIS GUILD, Jr., *Governor of the Commonwealth.*

The Board of Commissioners of the Firemen's Relief Fund herewith presents its report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907.

Appended is a detailed and tabulated statement showing the various amounts expended by the Board for accidents and fatalities in the various cities and towns of the Commonwealth together with the causes of the same; also a record of the total disbursements by the commission each year from 1890 to 1907.

All of which is respectfully submitted for the Board.

GEO. F. HARWOOD,
Chairman.

STATISTICS.

The following table shows the number of claims and amount allowed to cities and towns for injured firemen : —

LIST OF CLAIMS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1907.

Claims considered,	250
Claims allowed,	241
Accident claims rejected,	8
Death claims,	3
Death claims rejected,	1

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Attleborough,	2	—	\$27 00
Beverly,	3	—	92 00
Boston,	107	—	2,698 00
Braintree,	1	—	69 00
Brockton,	2	—	70 00
Brookline,	1	—	16 00
Cambridge,	9	—	228 50
Chelsea,	2	—	35 00
Concord,	1	—	61 50
Dedham,	1	—	36 00
Everett,	4	—	149 50
Fitchburg,	1	—	45 00
Gloucester,	1	—	100 00
Haverhill,	2	—	68 00
Holyoke,	4	—	124 00
Ipswich,	1	(1) \$100 00	100 00
Lawrence,	1	—	9 00
Lowell,	12	—	314 00
Lynn,	14	—	493 50

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Claims.	Death Claims.	Amount allowed.
Malden,	3	—	\$227 50
Mansfield,	1	—	4 50
Medford,	3	—	172 50
Methuen,	1	—	33 00
Milford,	4	—	267 00
New Bedford,	1	—	30 00
Newburyport,	2	—	57 00
Newton,	3	—	63 00
North Adams,	1 ¹	—	—
North Attleborough,	2	—	60 00
North Easton,	1	—	57 00
Peabody,	3	—	61 50
Quincy,	3	—	132 00
Randolph,	1	—	37 50
Revere,	2	—	175 50
Rockland,	1	—	67 50
Salem,	1	—	22 00
Saugus,	1	—	105 00
Somerville,	6	—	194 00
Springfield,	10	—	325 00
Stoneham,	1	—	21 00
Taunton,	3	—	43 50
Waltham,	2	—	64 50
Westborough,	1	—	66 00
Whitman,	1	—	31 50
Winchester,	1	—	90 00
Winthrop,	2	—	93 00
Woburn,	4	—	111 00
Worcester,	16	(1) \$100 00	663 50
	250	\$200 00	\$8,011 50

¹ Rejected.

The following table shows the number of minor children entitled to benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts, in the several cities and towns, for the year ending April 1, 1907, together with the aggregate amounts allowed :—

CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.	CITY OR TOWN.	Number of Beneficiaries.	Amount.
Boston, . .	12	\$1,220 00	Lynn, . .	3	\$250 00
Chelsea, . .	3	312 00	Plymouth, .	1	104 00
Foxborough, .	1	104 00	Quincy, . .	2	208 00
Hanover, . .	2	164 00	Somerville, .	2	208 00
Haverhill, .	1	104 00	Springfield, .	5	548 00
Hudson, . .	5	478 00	Worcester, .	5	520 00
Ipswich, . .	4	312 00			
Lowell, . .	2	214 00		48	\$4,746 00

DISBURSEMENTS FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1907.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1.	Expenditure.	Balance in Favor of Commonwealth.
1891,	\$5,827 65	\$4,172 35
1892,	9,724 10	275 90
1893,	8,911 40	1,088 60
1894,	8,422 11	1,577 89
1895,	9,617 06	382 94
1896,	9,406 76	593 24
1897,	8,922 47	1,077 53
1898,	7,314 63	2,685 37
1899,	9,998 62	1 38 ¹
1900,	10,008 13	2 87 ²
1901,	10,000 00	- ³
1902,	9,999 96	04 ⁴
1903,	11,540 19	459 81
1904,	11,998 74	1 26 ⁵
1905,	11,998 20	1 80 ⁶
1906,	11,999 13	87 ⁷
1907,	14,999 87	13 ⁸
	\$170,689 02	\$12,321 98

¹ Claims to the amount of \$786 carried over to July 1, 1899.

² Claims to the amount of \$773.50 paid from the treasury of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association Aug. 1, 1900.

³ Claims to the amount of \$741 carried over to July 1, 1901.

⁴ Claims to the amount of \$1,443.50 carried over to July 1, 1902.

⁵ Claims to the amount of \$130 carried over to July 1, 1904.

⁶ Claims to the amount of \$1,473 carried over to July 1, 1905.

⁷ Claims to the amount of \$4,360.50 carried over to July 1, 1906.

⁸ Claims to the amount of \$2,262.50 carried over to July 1, 1907.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WORCESTER, MASS., June 29, 1907.

To the Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I have the honor of presenting this, my seventeenth annual report of the receipts and expenditures, as treasurer of the fund for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, appropriated by the State and administered in conformity therewith.

RECEIPTS.

1906.	
June 29.	Received from Hon. Arthur B. Chapin, Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts (chapter 108, under the act of Feb. 25, 1902), . . . \$15,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid 2,570 days' injury benefit to call men, at \$1.50 per day,	\$3,855 00	
Paid 5,724 days' injury benefit to permanent men at \$1 per day,	5,724 00	
Paid three funeral benefits, at \$100 each,	300 00	
Paid 2,373 weeks' benefits for minor children,	4,746 00	
Paid expense account,	374 87	
		\$14,999 87
Balance due the Commonwealth,		13
		<u>\$15,000 00</u>

H. R. WILLIAMSON,
Treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemens' Association.

LEGISLATION.

[REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER 32.]

FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

SECTION 71. The sum of ten thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts state firemen's association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, and it shall be known as the firemen's relief fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 72. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 73. Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 74. Officers and members in active service in all incorporated protective departments co-operating with fire departments, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits thereof.

SECTION 75. The unexpended balance of said fund for the preceding year shall be returned to the treasurer and receiver general before the fifteenth day of July in each year, with a detailed report, under oath, of the expenditure of such fund.

SECTION 76. Five hundred dollars may be allowed from said fund for the incidental expenses of said board, but no part thereof shall be expended for any other expenses or for salaries.

SECTION 77. If a fireman in a regularly organized fire department of a city or town, or any officer or member in active service

of any incorporated protective department acting in concert with fire departments, or a person doing fire duty at the request or by the order of the authorities of a town which has no organized fire department, or a person performing the duties of a fireman in such town, is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of his duties, and his death is certified by the city or town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner to the treasurer and receiver general, he shall pay to the executor or administrator of such fireman, out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this commonwealth, the sum of one thousand dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased fireman for support. A child of full age dependent upon such fireman for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 108.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT BY THE STATE TO THE
MASSACHUSETTS STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

SECTION 1. Section seventy-one of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 71.* The sum of twelve thousand dollars shall annually, before the first day of July, be paid by the treasurer and receiver general to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association out of the money received from taxes on fire insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth, and it shall be known as the Firemen's Relief Fund of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — twelve, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 72.* The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of twelve thousand dollars with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved February 25, 1902.

[ACTS OF 1902, CHAPTER 203.]

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE
FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The sum of twelve thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association, as provided for by chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 19, 1902.

[ACTS OF 1903, CHAPTER 253.]AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF
THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section seventy-three of chapter thirty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 73.* Such fund shall be used for the relief of firemen, whether members of said association or not, who may be injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going to or returning from the same, and for the relief of the widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty, in the manner and to the amount determined by a board of five persons, of whom three, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor in July of the year nineteen hundred and three, to serve, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and one shall be appointed in July of each year thereafter to serve for the full term of three years, and two shall be appointed by said association in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 17, 1903.

[ACTS OF 1906, CHAPTER 171.]

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL PAYMENT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS
STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be paid annually, on or before the first day of July, to the treasurer of the Massachusetts State Firemen's Association the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be used by the association for the relief of firemen who may be injured in the performance of their duty at fires or in going to or returning from fires, and for the relief of widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of their duty, in the manner and to the amount to be determined by a board of five persons, three of whom, not members of said association, shall be appointed by the governor, and two of whom shall be appointed by said association.

SECTION 2. The treasurer of said association shall give a bond in the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, with sureties approved by the treasurer and receiver general, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 16, 1906.

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